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Date: May 12, 2004

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND  
TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	Phillips, et al.	Docket No.:	40655.1700
Serial No.:	09/865,878	Art Unit:	3627
Filing Date:	May 25, 2001	Examiner:	Jasmin, Lynda C.
Title:	<b>RECURRENT BILLING MAINTENANCE SYSTEM</b>	Confirmation No.:	5094

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 4, 2004, of which this response is filed within the one month shortened statutory period for response, please consider the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b> Applicant(s): Susan Phillips et al.				Docket No. 40655.1700	
Serial No. 09/865,878	Filing Date May 25, 2001	Examiner Jasmin, Lynda C.	Group Art Unit 3627		
Invention: <b>RECURRENT BILLING MAINTENANCE SYSTEM</b>					
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<u>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>					
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	41 -	43 =	0 x	\$18.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	4 -	5 =	0 x	\$84.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0.00
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for amendment.  <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of _____  <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <b>19-2814</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.           </div> <div style="width: 35%; text-align: right;">             Dated: May 12, 2004           </div> </div> <div style="margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> <b>Howard I. Sobelman, Reg. No. 39,038</b>  <b>Snell &amp; Wilmer L.L.P.</b>  <b>One Arizona Center</b>  <b>400 East Van Buren</b>  <b>Phoenix, Arizona 85004-2202</b>  <b>(602) 382-6228</b>  <b>(602) 382-6070 - Facsimile</b>  <b>hsobelman@swlaw.com</b> </div> <div style="width: 35%; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on May 12, 2004 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">               Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence           </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <b>Suzie G. Mascari</b>              Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence           </div> </div> </div> </div>					